

Hering, who so faithfully administered for four years the affairs of this department, and I feel confident that the same care in its management will be exercised by him in the future.

I desire to express my appreciation for the wise and intelligent interest always manifested in the financial affairs of State by His Excellency, Edwin Warfield, Governor of Maryland, and also to the Hon. Murray Vandiver, State Treasurer, with whom I have shared the responsibilities of this department for the past four years.

It is with no little regret that the official relations with those with whom I have been associated in this office must soon end. To my chief clerk, Harry J. Hopkins, Esq., I am especially grateful. His long experience in the Comptroller's office has qualified him to render me assistance I consider invaluable. I desire to also accord to all the clerks in my department that faithful service which each individually merit.

Respectfully submitted,

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